

Chairman Huffman, vice chair Johnson, and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 73, The Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act,

During the Covid pandemic I was aware of some individuals who were denied prescriptions for Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine as treatment for the Covid virus. While these treatments may not have been proven effective for the virus by the FDA, there were (are) studies showing they are effective for treating this virus. As an off label use which physicians are permitted to prescribe, these may have been life saving or even may have increased quality of life for others. While I don't have the specific references at my fingertips here to show, individuals should have never been denied access to these "potential" beneficial treatments. I am therefore requesting the committee to vote yes on this bill(HB 73) to protect Ohioans rights.